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## Argentina

### Oilseeds and Products

### Lock-Up Report

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**Report Highlights:**

Post maintains its soybean production forecast at 47 million tons on planted area totaling 17 million hectares. Post maintains its forecast for sunflowerseed production to reach 4.6 million tons on a harvested area of 2.7 million hectares. Industrial domestic consumption of soybean oil is expected to increase to 1 million tons in local marketing year 2008/2009 due to increased production of biodiesel.

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## Soybeans

Soybean planting is practically finished, with the Secretariat of Agriculture reporting as of January 31 that 99 percent of its projected 16.6 million hectares had been planted. The Buenos Aires Grains Exchange reported in their February 1 report that seeding had reached 99.5 percent of its estimated 16.9 million hectares projected for the campaign. Post maintains its area planted estimate at 17 million hectares due to high prices and continued shifting of pastureland into soy.

Post maintains its production forecast at 47 million tons. Although hot dry weather affected much of the core soybean producing area of the humid pampas provinces through January, recent rains brought much needed moisture, relieving concerns about significant yield losses for the short term. Overall yields will be lower than last year's campaign, but crop conditions are reported as good with acceptable yield expectations. Recent forecasts indicate that the impact of La Niña over next few weeks will lose vigor over the Pampas region, the eastern part of Chaco and the Mesopotamia, bringing precipitation at near normal levels through the end of summer. As such, the soybean crop will likely experience less negative impact on production due to La Niña than initially feared before onset of the late January rains.

Although recent rains have reduced concerns about yield losses, Post expects slightly lower yields this year to be offset by increased area. Post is increasing its industrial consumption number for soybean oil for 2007 to 1 million tons due to more demand from Argentina's growing biodiesel industry.

## Sunflowerseed

The Buenos Aires grains exchange reported on February 1, that 15 percent of its estimated planted area of 2.7 million hectares had been harvested from Chaco, Santiago del Estero, and northern Entre Rios provinces. The state of the overall crop is generally reported as good, with few phytosanitary or pest problems being reported. However, some yield losses are expected in La Pampa, Santiago del Estero and southern Buenos Aires province due to lack of moisture.

Post maintains the USDA forecast for total production at 4.6 million tons in 2007/08 and harvested area at 2.7 million hectares until further information is available.

## PSD Table

| Country<br>Commodity  | Argentina                |                             |                            |                  |                             |                            |                  |                             |                            | UOM       |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
|                       | Oilseed, Soybean (Local) |                             |                            |                  |                             |                            |                  |                             |                            |           |
|                       | (1000 HA)                |                             |                            | (1000 MT)        |                             |                            |                  |                             |                            |           |
|                       | 2005                     | Revised                     | Post                       | 2006             | Estimate                    | Post                       | 2007             | Forecast                    | Post                       |           |
| Market Year Begin     | USDA<br>Official         | Post<br>Estimate<br>04/2006 | Estimate<br>New<br>04/2006 | USDA<br>Official | Post<br>Estimate<br>04/2007 | Estimate<br>New<br>04/2007 | USDA<br>Official | Post<br>Estimate<br>04/2008 | Estimate<br>New<br>04/2008 | MM/YYYY   |
| Area Planted          | 15200                    | 0                           | 15200                      | 16000            | 0                           | 16000                      | 17000            | 0                           | 17000                      | (1000 HA) |
| Area Harvested        | 15200                    | 0                           | 15200                      | 15900            | 0                           | 15900                      | 16800            | 0                           | 16800                      | (1000 HA) |
| Beginning Stocks      | 174                      | 0                           | 174                        | 334              | 0                           | 334                        | 2284             | 0                           | 2284                       | (1000 MT) |
| Production            | 40500                    | 0                           | 40500                      | 47200            | 0                           | 47200                      | 47000            | 0                           | 47000                      | (1000 MT) |
| MY Imports            | 1013                     | 0                           | 1013                       | 2100             | 0                           | 2100                       | 2300             | 0                           | 2300                       | (1000 MT) |
| MY Imp. from U.S.     | 0                        | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | (1000 MT) |
| MY Imp. from EU       | 0                        | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | (1000 MT) |
| Total Supply          | 41687                    | 0                           | 41687                      | 49634            | 0                           | 49634                      | 51584            | 0                           | 51584                      | (1000 MT) |
| MY Exports            | 7130                     | 0                           | 7130                       | 10250            | 0                           | 10250                      | 11100            | 0                           | 11100                      | (1000 MT) |
| MY Exp. to EU         | 0                        | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | (1000 MT) |
| Crush                 | 32748                    | 0                           | 32748                      | 35600            | 0                           | 35600                      | 38750            | 0                           | 38750                      | (1000 MT) |
| Food Use Dom. Cons.   | 0                        | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | (1000 MT) |
| Feed Waste Dom. Cons. | 1475                     | 0                           | 1475                       | 1500             | 0                           | 1500                       | 1525             | 0                           | 1525                       | (1000 MT) |
| Total Dom. Cons.      | 34223                    | 0                           | 34223                      | 37100            | 0                           | 37100                      | 40275            | 0                           | 40275                      | (1000 MT) |
| Ending Stocks         | 334                      | 0                           | 334                        | 2284             | 0                           | 2284                       | 209              | 0                           | 209                        | (1000 MT) |
| Total Distribution    | 41687                    | 0                           | 41687                      | 49634            | 0                           | 49634                      | 51584            | 0                           | 51584                      | (1000 MT) |
| CY Imports            | 712                      | 0                           | 712                        | 2100             | 0                           | 2100                       | 2200             | 0                           | 2200                       | (1000 MT) |
| CY Imp. from U.S.     | 0                        | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | (1000 MT) |
| CY Exports            | 7873                     | 0                           | 7873                       | 10000            | 0                           | 10000                      | 11000            | 0                           | 11000                      | (1000 MT) |
| CY Exp. to U.S.       | 0                        | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | 0                | 0                           | 0                          | (1000 MT) |

## PSD Table

| Country               | Argentina             |          |              |           |          |              |          |          |              |           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Commodity             | Meal, Soybean (Local) |          |              |           |          |              |          |          |              |           |
| Market Year Begin     | (1000 MT)             |          |              | (PERCENT) |          |              |          |          |              |           |
|                       | 2005                  | Revised  |              | 2006      | Estimate |              | 2007     | Forecast |              | UOM       |
|                       | USDA                  | Post     | Post         | USDA      | Post     | Post         | USDA     | Post     | Post         |           |
|                       | Official              | Estimate | Estimate New | Official  | Estimate | Estimate New | Official | Estimate | Estimate New |           |
|                       | 04/2006               | 04/2006  | 04/2006      |           | 04/2007  | 04/2007      |          | 04/2008  | 04/2008      | MM/YYYY   |
| Crush                 | 32748                 | 0        | 32748        | 35600     | 0        | 35600        | 38750    | 0        | 38750        | (1000 MT) |
| Extr. Rate, 999.9999  | 0.781177              | 0        | 0.781177     | 0.778596  | 0        | 0.778596     | 0.785161 | 0        | 0.785161     | (PERCENT) |
| Beginning Stocks      | 1686                  | 0        | 1686         | 1996      | 0        | 1996         | 1696     | 0        | 1696         | (1000 MT) |
| Production            | 25582                 | 0        | 25582        | 27718     | 0        | 27718        | 30425    | 0        | 30425        | (1000 MT) |
| MY Imports            | 0                     | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0            | (1000 MT) |
| MY Imp. from U.S.     | 0                     | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0            | (1000 MT) |
| MY Imp. from EU       | 0                     | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0            | (1000 MT) |
| Total Supply          | 27268                 | 0        | 27268        | 29714     | 0        | 29714        | 32121    | 0        | 32121        | (1000 MT) |
| MY Exports            | 24698                 | 0        | 24698        | 27400     | 0        | 27400        | 29764    | 0        | 29764        | (1000 MT) |
| MY Exp. to EU         | 15562                 | 0        | 15562        | 16500     | 0        | 16500        | 16700    | 0        | 16700        | (1000 MT) |
| Industrial Dom. Cons. | 0                     | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0            | (1000 MT) |
| Food Use Dom. Cons.   | 0                     | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0            | (1000 MT) |
| Feed Waste Dom. Cons. | 574                   | 0        | 574          | 618       | 0        | 618          | 645      | 0        | 645          | (1000 MT) |
| Total Dom. Cons.      | 574                   | 0        | 574          | 618       | 0        | 618          | 645      | 0        | 645          | (1000 MT) |
| Ending Stocks         | 1996                  | 0        | 1996         | 1696      | 0        | 1696         | 1712     | 0        | 1712         | (1000 MT) |
| Total Distribution    | 27268                 | 0        | 27268        | 29714     | 0        | 29714        | 32121    | 0        | 32121        | (1000 MT) |
| CY Imports            | 0                     | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0            | (1000 MT) |
| CY Imp. from U.S.     | 0                     | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0            | (1000 MT) |
| CY Exports            | 24993                 | 0        | 24993        | 27500     | 0        | 27500        | 29750    | 0        | 29750        | (1000 MT) |
| CY Exp. to U.S.       | 0                     | 0        | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | 0            | (1000 MT) |
| SME                   | 574                   | 0        | 574          | 618       | 0        | 618          | 645      | 0        | 645          | (1000 MT) |

## PSD Table

| Country<br>Commodity  | Argentina        |                             |                                    | Oil, Soybean (Local) |                             |                                    | (1000 MT)(PERCENT) |                             |                                    | UOM       |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
|                       | 2005             | Revised                     |                                    | 2006                 | Estimate                    |                                    | 2007               | Forecast                    |                                    |           |
| Market Year Begin     | USDA<br>Official | Post<br>Estimate<br>04/2006 | Post<br>Estimate<br>New<br>04/2006 | USDA<br>Official     | Post<br>Estimate<br>04/2007 | Post<br>Estimate<br>New<br>04/2007 | USDA<br>Official   | Post<br>Estimate<br>04/2008 | Post<br>Estimate<br>New<br>04/2008 | MM/YYYY   |
| Crush                 | 32748            | 0                           | 32748                              | 35600                | 0                           | 35600                              | 38750              | 0                           | 38750                              | (1000 MT) |
| Extr. Rate, 999.9999  | 0.188378         | 0                           | 0.188378                           | 0.191292             | 0                           | 0.191292                           | 0.190968           | 0                           | 0.190968                           | (PERCENT) |
| Beginning Stocks      | 385              | 0                           | 385                                | 487                  | 0                           | 487                                | 520                | 0                           | 520                                | (1000 MT) |
| Production            | 6169             | 0                           | 6169                               | 6810                 | 0                           | 6810                               | 7400               | 0                           | 7400                               | (1000 MT) |
| MY Imports            | 0                | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                    | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                  | 0                           | 0                                  | (1000 MT) |
| MY Imp. from U.S.     | 0                | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                    | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                  | 0                           | 0                                  | (1000 MT) |
| MY Imp. from EU       | 0                | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                    | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                  | 0                           | 0                                  | (1000 MT) |
| Total Supply          | 6554             | 0                           | 6554                               | 7297                 | 0                           | 7297                               | 7920               | 0                           | 7920                               | (1000 MT) |
| MY Exports            | 5665             | 0                           | 5665                               | 6177                 | 0                           | 6177                               | 6435               | 0                           | 6135                               | (1000 MT) |
| MY Exp. to EU         | 285              | 0                           | 285                                | 300                  | 0                           | 300                                | 300                | 0                           | 300                                | (1000 MT) |
| Industrial Dom. Cons. | 25               | 0                           | 25                                 | 225                  | 0                           | 225                                | 600                | 0                           | 1000                               | (1000 MT) |
| Food Use Dom. Cons.   | 377              | 0                           | 377                                | 375                  | 0                           | 375                                | 385                | 0                           | 385                                | (1000 MT) |
| Feed Waste Dom. Cons. | 0                | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                    | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                  | 0                           | 0                                  | (1000 MT) |
| Total Dom. Cons.      | 402              | 0                           | 402                                | 600                  | 0                           | 600                                | 985                | 0                           | 1385                               | (1000 MT) |
| Ending Stocks         | 487              | 0                           | 487                                | 520                  | 0                           | 520                                | 500                | 0                           | 400                                | (1000 MT) |
| Total Distribution    | 6554             | 0                           | 6554                               | 7297                 | 0                           | 7297                               | 7920               | 0                           | 7920                               | (1000 MT) |
| CY Imports            | 0                | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                    | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                  | 0                           | 0                                  | (1000 MT) |
| CY Imp. from U.S.     | 0                | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                    | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                  | 0                           | 0                                  | (1000 MT) |
| CY Exports            | 5741             | 0                           | 5741                               | 6100                 | 0                           | 6100                               | 6350               | 0                           | 6350                               | (1000 MT) |
| CY Exp. to U.S.       | 0                | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                    | 0                           | 0                                  | 0                  | 0                           | 0                                  | (1000 MT) |